

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

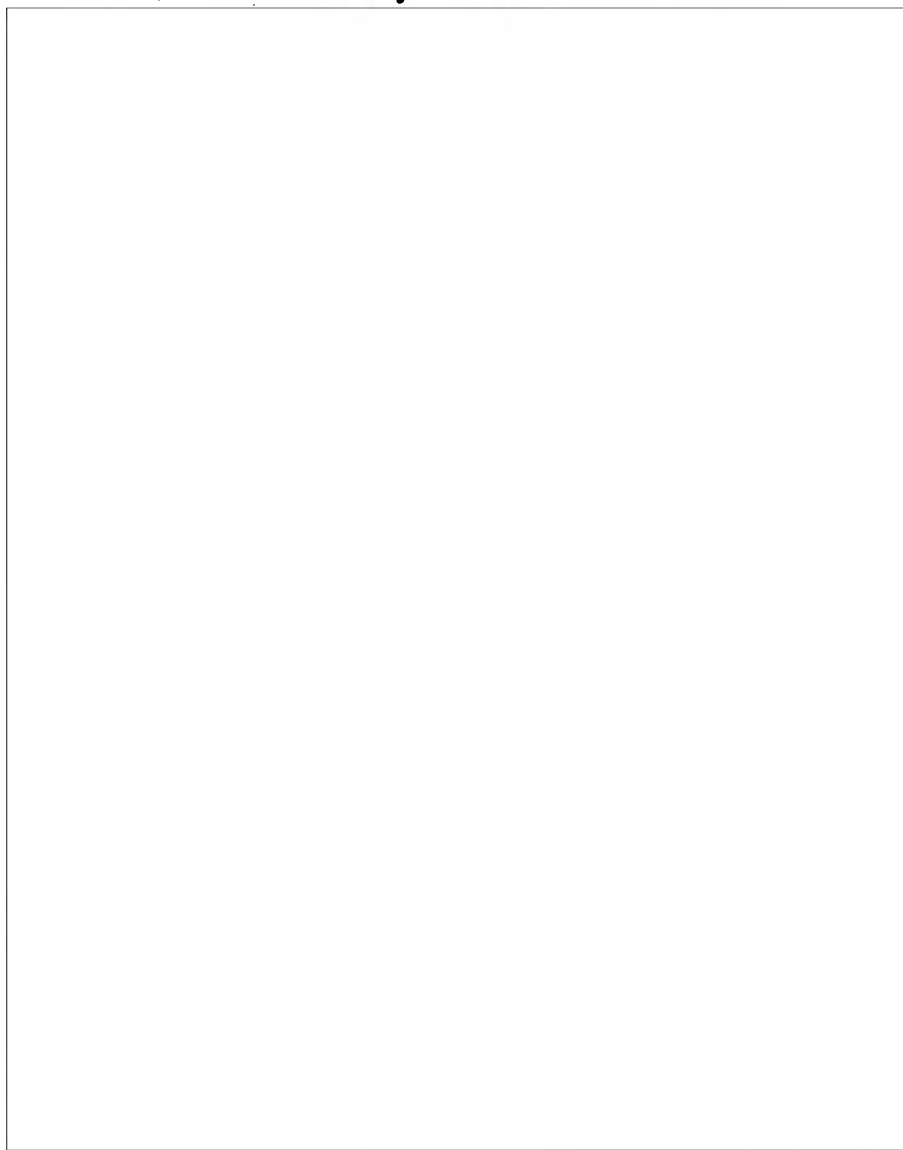
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1. Castro's trip

a. Castro may visit Switzerland.

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we note that a government-backed Algiers daily late last week began putting out the line that the US had adopted a "realistic policy" toward Cuba and has given up the idea of intervention.

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2. Cuba

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c. Photography  showed no significant change at Torrens and Santiago de las Vegas. Clouds precluded a detailed readout of Artemisa, Holguin, and Remedios.

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g. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Cuba wants to retain good relations with Bolivia because of Bolivia's poorly guarded borders with five countries. This strengthens our suspicions that [REDACTED] Cuba [REDACTED] is directing pro-Castro activity outside as well as inside Bolivia.

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3. Haiti-Dominican Republic

a. President Bosch is making hay over the Haitian back-down.

b. The concession has removed the most immediate issue, but in present circumstances, another one will surely arise. Bosch will probably continue to build up troop strength along the border and try to maneuver Duvalier's downfall.

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c. Haitian armed forces are on a full alert. The Haitians yesterday managed to arm and get a propfighter airborne. Several Haitian coast guard officers and NCO's reportedly deserted and crossed over to take asylum in the Dominican Republic.

d. Yesterday, Haiti's consul in Santo Domingo gained asylum following the closure of his office, and, in New York, Duvalier's permanent representative to the UN told Ambassador Stevenson that he wants to resign.

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4. Laos

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d. The Pathet Lao have already branded any attempt to station the ICC in the Plaine des Jarres as "contrary to the Geneva accords," and we expect they will now be even more troublesome. Their propaganda has turned to writing Souvanna off as a tool of the "US-Phoumist reactionaries."

e. Souvanna yesterday issued the statement which we had hoped would refute Soviet charges against us. It was typical Souvanna equivocation. He blamed nobody for anything, merely defended the neutralist role he is trying to play.

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f. Kong Le, with Lao army and Meo help, has moved to the offensive in the Plaine des Jarres.

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g. Cooperation between Kong Le and Phoumi troops is also growing in Pathet Lao-threatened areas outside the Plaine des Jarres.

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5. Communist China

a.

Peiping intends to pursue a watch-and-wait policy toward Taiwan and Hong Kong.

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c. Peiping expects that Chiang Kai-shek will eventually be succeeded by his elder son, Chiang Ching-kuo,

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e. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Peiping plans no early action to recover Hong Kong. [REDACTED] the Chinese Communists had as much reason to try to adjust their borders with the USSR as to adjust the situation in Hong Kong.

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6. UAR-Jordan

a. Nasir has told Ambassador Badeau he thinks Husayn will weather the present crisis, but if an uprising should occur it would be "virtually impossible" for him to avoid sending in troops.

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b. Egypt has already undertaken some contingency preparation: units have been moved into southern Sinai, military planes dispersed on various airfields, and essential services put on three-day alert.

c. Badeau urged repeatedly that the UAR abstain from "blowing on the coals of the Jordan affair" and feels US concern is being taken very seriously. He doubts, however, it is feasible to get any "assurances" of UAR non-involvement.

NOTES

- A. Venezuela All was quiet in Venezuela yesterday. The armed forces are to be placed on full alert today, but this is a routine precaution against the possibility of trouble on May Day.

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- C. Italy Final returns of the Italian election are expected later today. As anticipated, Fanfani's Christian Democrats lost some ground in the Senate to the Communists, the Saragat Socialists and the far right, but they remain the largest party (with 37 percent of the vote as compared to 41 last year). The vote for the Chamber of Deputies was slower coming in, but shows little change so far.